

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION

THERESA KAY ECKMAN,

Plaintiff,

vs.

COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL
SECURITY,

Defendant.

2:18-CV-11677-TGB

ORDER TRANSFERRING CASE
TO WESTERN DISTRICT OF
MICHIGAN

This case is an appeal from the denial of Social Security benefits. Plaintiff states that she resides in Osceola County, Michigan. Osceola County is in the Western District of Michigan. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 102(b)(1). Plaintiff, however, brought this case in the Eastern District of Michigan. It is well-established that the transfer of venue is a matter with the sound discretion of a district court. *Norwood v. Kirkpatrick*, 349 U.S. 29, 31-33, 75 S.Ct. 544, 99 L.Ed. 789 (1955). A motion for transfer of venue is not required, and the court may enter an order sua sponte. *Carver v. Knox*

County, Tenn., 887 F.2d 1287, 1291 (6th Cir. 1989). Pursuant to the Social Security Act, an action brought against the Commissioner must be brought in the judicial district where the plaintiff resides. *See* 42 U.S.C. § 405(g); *see also Wright v. Comm'r of Soc. Sec.*, No. 07-CV-15403-DT, 2008 WL 2246043 (E.D. Mich. May 30, 2008). As such, the Court hereby **ORDERS** that this case be **TRANSFERRED** to the United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan, Southern Division.

SO ORDERED.

BY THE COURT:

s/Terrence G. Berg
TERRENCE G. BERG
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Dated: June 12, 2018

Certificate of Service

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s/A. Chubb
Case Manager